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## Long weekend adventures

Warm temperatures for the long weekend meant outdoor enthusiasts could enjoy activities like kayaking and canoeing. Photo taken at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. /Photo by Tegan Legge

## Lack of housing complicates recruitment efforts: HHHS CEO

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Talk about an impossible task.

Trying to lure health care professionals to fill vacancies on the heels of the longest, most difficult days of a pandemic is difficult. Stress and the heartrending sights seen of COVID-19 patients and their families suffering pushed many nurses from the profession.

That makes it difficult for a health care authority to recruit nurses who have left hospital settings.

And the treatment of the Doug Ford government has pushed nurses out of Ontario. Bill 124, which was passed in 2019 before the pandemic broke, limits wage increases to one per cent for health care workers and some other public sector workers.

That makes it difficult to keep health care professionals in the ranks.

And here's another thing: Try to draw new nurses and physicians and other crucial hospital staff to an area where there's nowhere for them to live.

A person would have an easier time piping a tune to lead all the deer from Haliburton County gardens.

"Housing, a lack of public transportation, and the high cost of living have been barriers for recruitment and retention for many years, but they have gotten a lot worse in recent years," said Carolyn Plummer, the president and CEO at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The health authority will close one of two Emergency Departments in the county. The emergency service at the Minden facility will close permanently June 1. Services will be consolidated at the Haliburton site.

"Housing in particular is very hard to

come by," Plummer said. "There is a lack of supply for those who want to purchase a home. The housing that is affordable often needs a lot of work, which then makes it far less affordable or feasible for someone to move into."

"The housing that doesn't need work is just too costly for staff to be able to afford."

There's also a dearth of rental properties in which a recruited health professional could live while a permanent roof is sought. And rents tend to skyrocket in the summer.

"As a personal example, there is nothing available on the market to rent for what I was paying when we first moved permanently to the county seven years ago," Plummer said.

"Many rentals are also short-term, through AirBnB and similar sites, which makes it hard for workers to make long-term plans."

The HHHS decision to shift resources to Haliburton hasn't gone over well in the Township of Minden. It hasn't brought smiles to people in the other three municipalities, either.

Minden Mayor Bob Carter said in his mayor's report during the May 11 council meeting that the closure is the "consuming issue" in the region. He thanked residents who launched a petition and got behind gathering signatures, the people who inked their names to the list of residents against the closure.

"Thanks everybody for keeping this top of mind," Carter said. "I would like to say that I have a lot more information but, like everybody else, there has been absolutely no communication from HHHS in any way, shape, or form."

County council has reached out to the

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# RN says she's applied for Minden jobs

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health authority with a demand for more information. “But that has not yet been delivered,” he said. “So we continue to work.”

In Algonquin Highlands, Mayor Liz Danielsen, who is also warden of the upper tier county council, spoke during a May 4 meeting about the anger of people who have been helped at the Minden Emergency Department.

“I know this will have a serious impact on a number of residents here in Algonquin Highlands and the apparent lack of a plan going forward makes it even harder for us all to accept,” she said.

She said she’s often made her dissatisfaction known about the lack of communication from HHHS and how it’s being handled.

If the Minden facility can’t be saved or its closure delayed, Danielsen said the township council will do its utmost to ensure health care services continue for residents and visitors across the municipality and the county.

The HHHS employment portal on its website is littered with vacant temporary and permanent fulltime and part-time jobs.

Jackie Newell, who recently moved to Minden, has been a registered nurse for 20 years. She said she has acute care experience and emergency room certification.

Newell also said she’s applied for jobs in the last six months at the Minden hospital.

“I have emailed the recruitment email on three occasions to express my interest and to inform them that I am open to all opportunities within the HHHS, not solely the emergency department,” she said.

Newell claims nobody in a recruitment capacity at HHHS ever reached out to her.

“As someone who is passionate about rural health care and providing support to under-served populations, I am truly disheartened to see this department close,” Newell said. “I was really looking forward to serving the community in which I live.”

Carter said he and other Township councillors have gotten much advice, both solicited and unsolicited, about

courses of action people believe should be pursued at the municipal level.

He offered assurances that no stone will be left unturned.

“There is a lot that is happening and just, please, keep up the pressure and keep this top of mind,” he said. “We are striving to get the best outcome.”

“To get the best provision of emergency services and the best health care possible in the county.”

Plummer said the question of housing and the high costs to live in the area have been impediments to other Haliburton County businesses and organizations.

“We know we’ve lost a number of potential candidates, at the front-line and even at the vice-president level, because of a lack of affordability,” she said.

“HHHS is grateful for the work of organizations like Places for People, who recently hosted the 2023 Haliburton County Housing Summit to look for innovative solutions to the housing challenges our community faces.”



A group of concerned citizens stand in front of the Minden municipal building during the early morning hours of May 16 in preparation for the special meeting of County Council where the hospital closure was to be discussed. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

## HHHS releases ER consolidation plan details

VIVIAN COLLINGS  
Editor

Tensions were high in the Haliburton County Council chamber as CEO and president of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Carolyn Plummer and HHHS board chair David O'Brien met with council for a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16 to go over details of the plan to consolidate the Minden Emergency Department with Haliburton.

The Minden ER is set to close at 12 a.m. on June 1.

“I want to fully acknowledge the frustration, fear, and angst of the decision made by HHHS to close the Minden ER and consolidate emergency health services into the Haliburton Hospital has caused for residents across the county and beyond, but most particularly here in Minden,” said Warden Liz Danielsen. “Like many members of the public, county council has challenges with how this has rolled out, particularly with what has appeared to be a serious lack of communication or planning ... Considerable efforts have been made by this council and individual mayors and councillors across the county, and particularly by local residents, to reverse the decision, or at least to have it put on hold until adequate planning can be in place.”

Members of the public were allowed to sit in on the special meeting.

Danielsen said some of the attacks on HHHS on social media have been “out of control, and it’s disappointing to see.”

“It is for that reason that I have asked for the OPP presence here today, something that in my memory we have never had to do here before,” she said.

O'Brien began the presentation by explaining the reason for the closure is staffing shortages.

“The decision to do the consolidation was based on severe and ongoing shortages of physicians and nurses at both sites, requiring us to consolidate the two emergency departments into one in order to have sufficient staffing to provide one good emergency department for the entire county,” O'Brien said.

He said Haliburton was chosen because of the 15 in-patient beds in the hospital.

“There are none in Minden. In order to create beds in Minden, it would probably take a considerable amount of time and many millions of dollars, and we’d probably only end up with six or 10 beds anyway,” he said.

Plummer said without making the decision to close one ER, the community risked facing unplanned temporary closures of one, or likely both, departments going

forward.

“The organization has fought very hard and for as long as it could to keep both emergency departments open, but with no long term solution to any of the staffing shortages, it’s not something that could go on any longer,” she said.

Plummer said it would’ve been impossible to properly alert the public about short notice closures of both ERs.

She added the decision to close Minden was not a comment on the performance of Minden ER staff.

A task force has been working off of existing ER protocol, and has been meeting twice a week to ensure the plan is being followed.

Staffing

At the Haliburton ER, there is currently one physician in the ER working a 10 hour shift at all times. Starting June 1, an additional physician will be added from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. “to deal with the highest-volume portion of the day,” Plummer said.

In addition to two RNs at all times, one RPN from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and one additional RN from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. during summer months, HHHS will be adding one additional RN at all times, access to an additional RPN from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., and a charge nurse during the day

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# No jobs will be lost, says HHHS

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for the transition period starting June 1.

Diagnostic imaging staff will "remain status quo at the Haliburton site, which is basically access to diagnostic imaging 24/7," Plummer said.

Bone densinometry and X-ray services in the Minden hospital will be by appointment.

Staffing will be adjusted as needed, Plummer said.

Space changes

"We are increasing the amount of patient spaces we have from nine to about 15," Plummer said.

A third trauma bed, one new procedure room, one rapid assessment room, 13 additional waiting room spots, and an expanded lab space will be added to the Haliburton ER.

Approximately 15 additional parking spaces will be available for ER patients at the hospital and medical centre.

Equipment and supplies will be transported from Minden to Haliburton.

Signs will be placed at the street entrance and ER entrance at the Minden hospital alerting the public of the closure. A phone will be installed outside the entrance with access to 911. Blue hospital signs around the county pointing to Minden will be removed.

"The shortage of family doctors in the community has certainly had an impact on the ability of people here to access health services, and we know that's one of the top priorities for what we might do with the Minden site, so we want to hear from the community about what's most important to them in terms of what might be feasible for the Minden site in the future," Plummer said.

Danielsen said she has heard comments about the desire for a walk-in clinic at the Minden site.

Councillor Lisa Schell asked if any jobs would be lost due to the closure, and Plummer assured council all Minden staff members would be kept employed with HHHS.

Councillor Jennifer Dailoux asked what the impact on patient care, wait times, and mortality/morbidity outcomes might be.

"We did take into consideration what the potential volume at the Haliburton site could be when determining staff needs," Plummer said. "We do anticipate we may see a slight increase in patient wait times, but I think establishing the fast track, rapid assessment space and in part utilizing the second physician during that period of time that we have two physicians in the emergency department, we're hoping to keep any increases to wait time at a minimum."

Plummer said 30 to 40 per cent of Minden ER patients are coming from the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Councillor Bob Carter asked about the number of doctors working at the consolidated ER at one time.

"You plan to replace that with one and a half doctors, so we are reducing the number of emergency doctors from two to one and a half," he said.

In a single ER with the combined volume of two, Plummer said, it won't always need two physicians depending on the time of day.

"I think we have to give credit to HHHS. It's a decision they didn't want to make," said Councillor Walt McKechie. "The decision had to be made and they must feel they can accommodate the county of Haliburton at the Haliburton hospital."

Carter said he is disappointed with O'Brien's response to council at their last meeting for "lecturing" council on fiduciary responsibility.

"I think you failed on that. I find that completely unacceptable, and I guess I would be asking for your and your board's resignation because you have not serviced our community properly," Carter said.



A fire ban is in effect for all of Haliburton County. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

## Multiple fires force county wide ban

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

A large bush fire took shape in Dorset on May 15. "It started around Highway 35, and threatened the Dorset Tower, as well as other locations in the area," said Mike French, the Fire Chief for Algonquin Highlands. French shared that there were five stations involved in fighting the flames, including two from Lake of Bays. The fire started small, but grew quickly. "People don't realize how unbelievably dry it is," said French, sharing that the fire was spreading at three metres per minute, which is approximately the length of a football field within 30 minutes. The total fire size was five hectares, with the exact cause still under investigation.

There were no injuries during the fire, and the departments managed to contain the fire throughout the evening of May 15.

The date proved busy for fires in the county, as the Minden Hills Fire Department (MFD) also received three calls. Just before noon, the MFD received a call about a fully engulfed structure fire that had worked its way to the bush line. The call required mutual aid from Dysart, and the teams worked until 3 p.m. to quell the flames, before being called to another bush fire on Black Lake Island, which required support from the local division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

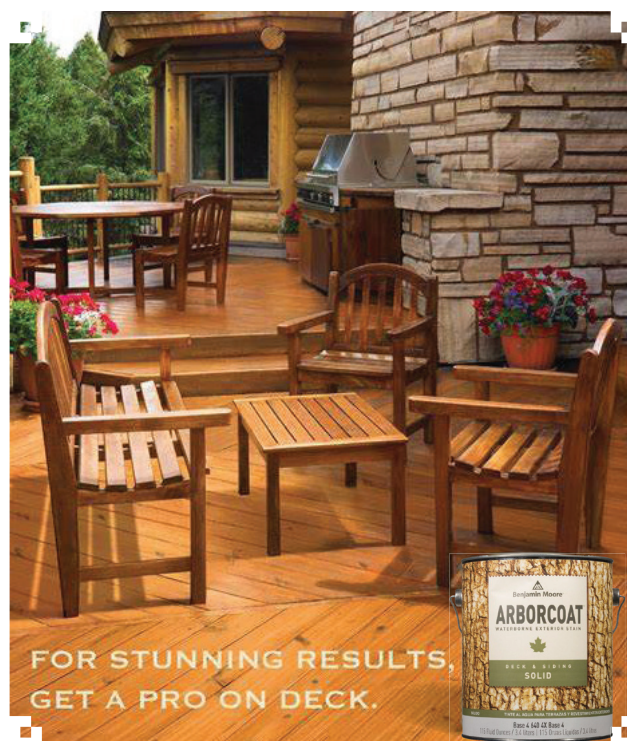
Additionally, Eagle Lake had a small bush fire, said Dysart fire chief Dan Chumbley.

"The MNRF was called in to provide air support and confirm the size of the bushfire," Minden Hills Fire Chief Shain Duda shared with the *Echo*, "MNRF brought in the water bomber to give support for the firefighter and MNFR personnel." Duda shared that the MFD went above and beyond to prevent the structures from catching fire, as the fire moved quickly.

As the day wound down, yet another call was made at 6 p.m. to put out another bushfire on Hanger Lane. "MFD deployed very fast and was able to knock the fire down and stop the spread of fire to the homes and surrounding bush," said Duda. "A tree fell on the hydro line that caused the small bush fire."

Duda reiterated that while it was an extremely long day for the local fire teams, he is incredibly proud of the commitment, dedication, and teamwork that was showcased.

As a result of multiple fires on May 15, the County of Haliburton has released a total fire ban for the region as of 12:01 a.m. on May 17. This is a joint decision made in collaboration with all four lower-tier municipalities, and supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It is expected that the ban will be in place for a minimum of one week, with all bonfires, fireworks, and charcoal barbecues prohibited. Violating the ban will result in fines.



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Practice makes perfect

Lara Gallant charges ahead with the ball during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' soccer team practice on Friday, May 18. The team is preparing to head to the Kawartha tournament in Lindsay on Tuesday, May 23. The team won both home games of the season on May 8 and May 10. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Emmerson Wilson and Ruby Morrison battle for the ball during a drill at practice.



Emery Bagshaw practices clearing the ball.



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# County finds its footing with economic development

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Ontario celebrated their province-wide Economic Development (ED) Week from May 8 to 12, which was a timely coincidence for the County of Haliburton officially adopting their ED strategy on April 26, presented by director of economic development, Scott Ovell.

This plan has been in the works for years, and with the official adoption by county council, Ovell has been given the green light to proceed with the action items outlined in the project. "While this did take us a little bit longer than we wanted," Ovell said, "this plan gives us the opportunity to work with a lot of different groups in the community. We are going to rely on working with these existing organizations."

Ovell shared with the *Echo* that based on minimal staffing at the county ED department, partnering with established groups in the community is the key to getting this plan off the ground. These groups who are on board include but are not limited to; the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Fleming Crew, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the Homebuilders Association.

"The [economic development] department has really only been functioning as a team for a year," said Ovell, "but we are already noticing that there are organizations realizing that they can approach us and ask us for help, and we can find a way to work with them."

Historically, the role of ED was spread across the four lower-tier municipalities, with a tourism focus sitting at a county

level. Minden Hills dabbled in having a specific ED officer who focused on marketing and tourism, but the trial concept was ushered to a county level after two years in place. Highlands East currently has an economic development coordinator, but the other three lower-tier municipalities look to the county for ED support.

The ED department at a county level now comprises a team of four, who garner a focus on tourism; the primary industry for the region.

While tourism is at the forefront of marketing initiatives, it is not the sole driver for the newly adopted ED plan. "We see it as a primary industry, so we're not stepping away from that," said Ovell, "but we want to be more than a marketing department. We want this to be seen as an economic development strategy for the county. Marketing tourism is a part of that, but there's more to it."

Ovell referenced how the plan incorporates multiple sectors beyond tourism; including climate change and community safety and well-being. He believes that by incorporating multiple areas of focus that the county is responsible for, the ED plan can have more impact on the community as a whole.

While the plan, which was produced by Strexer Harrop Consulting Group, was officially adopted by county council on April 26, it has been reviewed prior to that, meaning that it did not include the Minden emergency room closure, which was announced on April 20.

When asked about how the removal of the ER would affect the plan, Ovell was unsure at this time. "It's certainly going to impact it," he told the *Times*, "but right now, we don't exactly know how."

It is assumed that the four pillars of the plan: creation, attraction, retention, and expansion of businesses, will likely all be impacted in some capacity by lessened resources in the community, but Ovell shared that he is uncertain as to what the actual impacts would be so early in the conversation around the closure.

County council approved \$30,000 for the roll-out of the plan, which is in place for this term of council until 2026. The costs of each action item in the plan are aligned with one of the four ED pillars

outlined above, including media releases, social media campaigns, a new website specific to ED, and a formalized database for businesses to access ED support.

"This isn't going to be a plan that just sits on the shelf," said Ovell, "because we're not starting fresh. We're not starting at the beginning. We're already working on issues that were outlined in the project, so we will continue doing that."

The full ED report and strategy can be found by visiting [www.wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca).



## Rotary truck hits Highland Street

Heather Phillips and Andy Glecoff put the final touches on the decals for the Rotary Club of Haliburton's annual car draw! Yes, this year the prize is a truck! /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



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## Of a silence that disheartened

COMMUNICATION IS key to many facets of life beyond oneself. In matters that affect many people, it's crucial for sound decisions.

Communication is best when it's transparent, open, and forthcoming. Those words have come to counterpoint a cacophony that's echoed throughout Minden Hills since late April. Indeed, they've often been repeated by leaders of the county's four lower tier township councils.

That's when the top brass at the Haliburton Highlands Health Service announced the Minden Hills emergency department will permanently close June 1. The health authority announced that all emergency medical services will be consolidated at its Haliburton facility.

Residents, rightfully, are fearful at losing an essential service they've depended upon for almost three decades. If you don't have your health, you have nothing. And, as is the nature of drastic surprise, the shock of the unexpected is like a bodily system in arrest. An embolus or infarction in a critical system.

Details of the health authority's consolidation plans weren't released until May 18. So there had been about a month for conjecture and fear to take root in the populace.

It would have been avoided had clear, early communication been the order weeks, even days, before the official announcement. But that wasn't the case in Haliburton County.

Physicians were informed of the decision to close the ER mere hours before the April 20 official announcement. And physicians have said they're against closing the ER. At the very least, according to letters to editors, the ER doesn't have to close at the summer's start.

Even five of the past board chairs have added their voices to the chorus that laments the lack of effective consultation and transparent communication.

Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen said on May 16: "Like many members of the public, county council has challenges with how this has rolled out, particularly with what has appeared to be a serious lack of communication or planning."

There's the thought in some corners that, with earlier communication with community stakeholders, more time could've been had to work around a closure.

Minden Mayor Bob Carter said on April 27 that there was little to no consultation with parties outside HHHS about the closure.

"At no point was there a discussion that one of these facilities would have to close permanently," Carter said.

He said his colleagues in the other three lower tier municipalities agreed that there was no such talk. News of the permanent closure came as a complete shock, he said during the council meeting soon after the HHHS announcement.

"Use your words." A childhood refrain for many of us given to excited frustration, working to get something out, something felt to be so very important.

And there's the pearl about making good

of the first opportunity, the earliest chance, when one has something important to say. Because there may not be a better time if you wait.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO, told Minden Hills township council during the April 27 meeting that the decision to close had to be made when it was made.

"We know the timing is not ideal," she said then. "This summer would have seen multiple temporary but short notice closures on one or likely both emergency departments all summer long."

The possibility of temporary closures, no matter how many or for how long, could have been broached sooner than following the announcement that the ER is to be permanently shuttered.



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## Editorial

## Jeff Coyell

OUR COUNTY is made up of many unique and diverse pieces that come together to make a very rich and interesting whole. Everybody matters and every business matters.

The diversity makes us an interesting place to live and visit. We can never take for granted what each of us brings to the whole.

We lost a beautiful piece of the whole last week when Jeff Coyell from the Haliburton Supplement and Bulk Food Store passed away suddenly.

I, like everyone who knew him, am very sad and still in shock. Jeff was a very lovely friend and store owner.

I was in his store a few days before he passed, and we had enjoyed our usual bantering and conversation. Jeff had a smile on his face whenever we connected. He was a very happy man.

When I saw him, we always began our visit by talking about our dogs. His loyal and well trained dog, Jack, was one of the dogs that inspired Jim and I to get our dog, Billie Rose.

Jeff loved Jack and had a big picture of him in his store. We often ran into the two of them when we were doing our early morning walks in the park.

After the catch up on the dogs, Jeff would ask about my husband and

daughter, and I would ask about his family. Jeff genuinely cared and always listened as I chatted away.

The conversation would move to my business and how I was doing and what was new or different or challenging in the world of yoga. He was consistently interested and kind.

In all the years I knew him, he never complained or said anything bad about anyone or any business. He

made it easy to want to shop in his store. He made it easy to want to return. I think we can all learn from that.

It takes so little to offer a kind word, to ask good questions and to listen. And it makes such a big difference. I always felt like he listened to understand and to connect.

And that made me a loyal customer and friend for many years. In the wisdom traditions they teach that

our bodies are a vessel or container for our spirit, our essence or our inner light.

Jeff's body has returned to the earth but his spirit, his essence, his kindness will be remembered and felt by all who knew him.

Our thoughts are with you Kelly and Jack, and thanks Jeff for running a great business in our village and for being a good friend. You are missed.



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# points of view

## King me

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He once made his living on the mean streets of East West Guilford, as a juggler. That career failed abruptly, however, when everyone at the first birthday party he was hired to discovered he could only juggle one thing at a time, and not very well.

Did he quit juggling?

Boy, you ask a lot of questions.

No, but somewhere along the way, Jake Jakerton discovered he had an uncanny knack for moving checkers pieces into precisely the wrong squares – and on a chess board. Despite this, he fell in love with the game. Some say he fell in love on the rebound, after a particularly bad break up with a Parcheesi board. That's only because Jake Jakerton is not overly bright.

Whatever the reason, he fell hard. You see, Jake Jakerton is nothing, if not clumsy.



steve  
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Loon Tales

Regardless of why he fell, as a sign of his devotion to his new online pastime, Jake Jakerton got a tattoo on his forehead that said, "King Me!" True, this got him in a bit of trouble when he crashed last week's coronation, but it also sums up his love of the game - and poor judgment.

He finally made on-line checkers his life's calling when he sprained his arm at a high-society juggling gig in Singapore, last month. To compound that tragedy, he is also now confused about what a Singapore sling actually is.

Yes, Jakerton is worldly, but only because he explored it on a globe. And, after that globe was run over by an errant steam roller, he became a Flat Earther too.

What does Jake Jakerton do now? Well, once the sun goes down Jake Jakerton goes on-line to the seediest parts of the Internet – the gardening channels. And, after that is done, he visits websites where men and women with similar back stories play online checkers.

How do I know all this? Well, I'm Jake Jakerton.

That's right, Jake Jakerton is my on-line checkers alter-ego. And, believe it or not, I made that back story up. (Pro tip: It's important to throw in little details to make these back stories believable.)

Making up a back story for your on-line checker playing character is more than half the fun. This is something I realized last night after my third loss to my arch-nemesis Guest 760. (He became my arch-nemesis after the second loss.)

Lucky Guest 760 is not allowed to stay up later than 8 p.m., otherwise he would have seen me turn the tables.

After that match, I continued my quest for a perfect on-line checkers opponent. And, believe it or not, I soon found him.

That's right, the on-line checkers platform pitted Jake Jakerton against his greatest adversary – Jake Jakerton. That's probably why it's a free platform.

I'm pleased to say, somehow Jake Jakerton won three games out of six. He probably would have won more, but it's hard playing on-line checkers when your arm is still in a Singapore sling.



## pic of the past

This week's pic of the past comes from the *Echo* archives. "Donkey baseball: a new aspect to an old game," reads the headline of the story on July 11, 1979. According to the story, almost 100 people came out to the Haliburton baseball diamond to watch the Haliburton firefighters take on the Kinsmen in the very strange game. The game ended tied at three apiece. /Photo by Joe Banks

## 'How do I ask? What do I say?'

### Preparing for difficult conversations

Valuable lessons on having good conversations with people struggling with, or in recovery, from mental health, addiction, trauma and other issues were learned in the first session of a new community education series on April 18. The session, entitled "Difficult Conversations," was hosted by the Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use Working group and facilitated by Tom Regehr.

Regehr, a person with lived experience, Executive Director of the CAST Projects, and consultant with the Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use working group, uses the concept of 'Coming Full Circle' to represent the creation of a complete circle that includes the voice of those reaching out, those still suffering who do not normally have a voice, and creating a healthy, interactive relationship with residents and service providers.

Regehr recently led an online session on how to navigate difficult conversations when engaging people with lived experience.

Tom offered the following tips for service providers and others engaging with someone with lived experience:

Set the stage well. Let the person know why you are asking, and that all answers are voluntary. Let them know where their words and ideas will go and who it will help.

Try to ask broad questions. Let the person reflect on the idea you are interested in instead of asking detailed questions. This allows the person to flow from their own place, in their own language.

Avoid apologizing, being patronizing, and using vocabulary or acronyms they may not know.

Don't be afraid to show some vulnerability. When you do not know or understand something, say so gently, ask for help.

Silence can be a good thing; it gives people space to reflect and think about what is next for them. It can be hard for you! Watch body

language here - yours and theirs.

If someone gets emotional after being asked a question or during a conversation, that's not necessarily a bad thing. It can be a release or a 'healing jag'. Don't try to stop it - give the person space, some gentle acknowledgement and let them explain on their own time if they can.

Assume nothing: be curious. The best way to know something is to respectfully ask questions. Authentically trying to understand someone nurtures their soul.

Lastly, when an idea or goal is identified, ask if the wording you wrote down makes sense - this fine tuning is critical for healthy communication.

"There is always time to sit with an idea and explore it more," said Regehr. "If you do this well and thoroughly, the answer to the question, the gold nugget of wisdom will surface by itself."

For more information about the full circle process or Tom's VOICE sessions in Haliburton County, contact Tom at [voice@thecastprojects.ca](mailto:voice@thecastprojects.ca).

To register for the community education series, email [erinc@pointintime.ca](mailto:erinc@pointintime.ca). The next is scheduled for June 27 in person. Registration for these events is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use working group sincerely thanks United Way and the Haliburton County Development Corporation for their support to continue this important community work.

Submitted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents



# Head Lake Park



## Who are we and what is our mission?

The Head Lake Park Fundraising Committee was formed to help develop a solution that meets our community's needs. The committee is comprised of community members who have come together with a common desire to take meaningful action toward the Master Plan for Head Lake Park and to work together to make it a safe and enjoyable place for everyone in the community.

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The HKPR Health Unit says climate change affects health by creating extreme temperatures, extreme weather and natural events, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, air quality, and solar ultraviolet radiation exposure. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

## Climate change wreaks havoc on public health, says HKPR official

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Climate change is a public health priority.

Sue Shikaze, an environmental health promoter at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Public Health Units, told board of health members May 18 that something that affects the environment affects its population.

"We're still in a position to do something about climate change," she said. "Linking it to health is a real opportunity. Often, climate change gets framed as strictly an environmental concern.

"If you're an environmentalist, you know that what affects the environment also affects us. But not everybody makes that sort of connection."

In Ontario, the public health standards recently highlighted public health boards' responsibility to assess climate change's health impacts at their respective local level.

To that end, the work at HKPR has been broken down into two phases, she said.

The first phase that began in 2018 comprises a climate change health vulnerability and adaptation assessment.

It identified six climate hazards: extreme temperatures, extreme weather and natural events, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, air quality, and solar ultraviolet radiation exposure.

Vector-borne diseases refer primarily to West Nile virus and Lyme disease.

"The purpose of the Phase 1 assessment really is to understand the current situation and identify who is most vulnerable," Shikaze said. "As we learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, it affects everyone but it doesn't affect everyone in the same way."

Climate change is the same way, she said.

Understanding the situation locally

means getting a handle on the "current burden of illness and how that might be affected by changes we might see in the climate," she said.

Shikaze said vulnerability is a function of three factors: exposure, sensitivity, and an individual's adaptive capacity.

"Together, those three things contribute to vulnerability," Shikaze said. "And our role at public health is to be aware of who is most exposed and sensitive and try to build their adaptive capacity through the work that we do."

People likely to be impacted more significantly includes the elderly, children, indigenous peoples, people with mental illnesses and pre-existing health conditions such as asthma or health disease and such. People who are pregnant, live in poverty, or work and play outside are included in that group.

"I think it's also important to recognize that some of these categories overlap," she said.

In the HKPR region, she said we can expect our climate to get warmer, wetter, and wilder.

"And that's really true not just here but across the county, around the world," Shikaze said.

Expect more daily summer temperatures to exceed 30-degrees Celsius.

Trends have shown that Lyme disease cases have been on the rise. Ultraviolet radiation is a carcinogen. Mental health-wise, climate change causes anxiety in people about what the future will be like.

"We will continue to see increases in these health impacts in HKPR unless, as a community, as a county, as a sort of world community, we change our climate trajectory," Shikaze said. "We also require effective adaptation now because we are seeing these climate impacts now."

One of the next steps for the crowd at HKPR is to develop a climate change adaptation plan that will get deeper into what sort of action is needed in public health to build climate resilience in the local population, she said.



# Jeff Coyell – A bright light dims in Haliburton

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Some people become part of the fabric of a community. A thread that helps hold it together, lends warmth and sunshine on a rainy day. Jeff Coyell, was such a man. Co-owner (with wife, Kelly), of Haliburton Supplements and Bulk Food Store, his recent, unexpected passing has left many of us in Haliburton, shocked and deeply saddened.

Kelly said, "I met Jeff when he was twenty, and it was love at first sight. Jeff was a complete package – happy-go-lucky, kind, generous, sweet, and good looking to boot. He would make a joke, and I'd start laughing. Then he'd say something silly and I'd laugh even more. I think that's one of the things I'm going to miss the most is the laughing."

Prior to moving to Haliburton, Coyell worked at the United Church of Canada bookstore for twelve years, then for Broughton's selling religious paraphernalia. In 2011, when Broughton's down-sized and Kelly's employer moved to a location that didn't suit, the couple decided to leave Toronto. Upon seeing the Bulk Food Store for sale in Haliburton, they went for it.

"Jeff's a people person and liked the idea of having his own business and making his own rules," Kelly said. *Rule #1: When a customer comes in, treat them with respect as you would want to be treated.*

Coyell not only lived by that rule, he went way beyond it.

Local potter, Barbara Joy Peel said, "Jeff was a man of compassion. He had a sensitivity about him and was able to feel the needs



Jeff Coyell, owner of Haliburton Supplements and Bulk Food Store, recently passed away unexpectedly, leaving the community saddened. /Photo submitted

of people who came into his store. He genuinely cared." Last week, she came upon a metallic black urn she had made and thought: *This should be for somebody special.* "When my daughter told me that Jeff died, I remembered the urn and offered it to Kelly. She graciously said, *'I think Jeff would like it.'*"

Jewelry maker, Michael Butz said, "Jeff was a great guy. He always remembered ev-

erybody's name, what you were looking for. We'd talk politics. We'd share a rant about whatever topic of the day was bugging us, and then we'd feel like we left a bit of a load behind. I always enjoyed seeing Jeff. He'd be at the back of the store and always yell out: *Michael!*"

Judy Macduff, of the Haliburton 4Cs food bank said, "Jeff was kind of like part of the

Food Bank. A note on the Food Bank door reads: *If we're not here, you can drop donations at the Bulk Foods Store.* Jeff would take in items and bring them to us when we were there. And quite a few years ago before COVID, he worked for a few months at Lily Ann doing cash. He was a very kind and funny person."

Singer, songwriter and homesteader, Andrew VonZuben, recalls his time with Coyell. "Long and meaningful chats while visiting Jeff at his store have always been punctuated by his whole-hearted efforts to help his customers, and his determination to make me laugh."

Sharon Petrini said, "We started out as customer and store owner and became hard and fast friends. Jeff was warm and loving, supportive, kind, gentle and compassionate. Just a really wonderful human being. A lot of people are going to miss him."

Dwaine Lloyd, of Community Funeral Homes said, "Jeff will be remembered by his clients for his listening ear, helpful nature, and most of all his smile."

As for his passions, "Tennis, the Boston Bruins, and his dog, Jack," Kelly said. "A couple of years ago, he said to me, *Kelly, in case anything ever happens to me, you have to promise me one thing – make sure you look after Jack.*"

Coyell would have been 60 on his next birthday in August. Now, there will be a celebration of life on that day honouring the man whose innate goodness was, indeed, a thread of light in the fabric of the community he loved, and that loved him back.



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The Haliburton County Junior NBA Youth Basketball program takes place in the Archie Stouffer Elementary School gym on Tuesdays and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesdays. The season ends on May 31. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Fun is had by all in the ASES gym for children in Grades 1-3 during youth basketball drills.



Notice  
(Applicant - Ambike)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of Tamarack Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 3, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10774 made by Bishop and Geyer Surveyors, completed March 24, 2021.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 23rd day of May, 2023.

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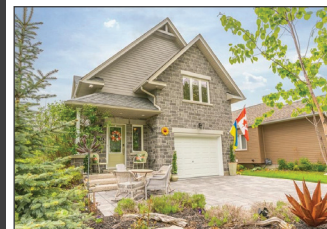
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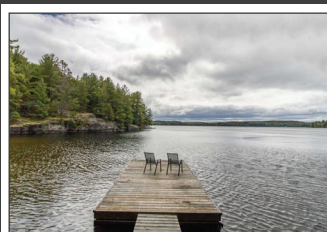
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- CLUES ACROSS

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  - 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
  - 13. Unknowing
  - 14. Dangerous mosquitos
  - 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
  - 19. Military policeman
  - 20. Touch softly
  - 21. Wrap
  - 22. A story of one’s life
  - 23. Midway between east and southeast
  - 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
  - 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
  - 26. Changes the meaning of
  - 30. Semitic Sun god
  - 31. Sneaker parts
  - 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
  - 33. Breezed through
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  - 35. Becomes less intense
  - 38. Bottoms
  - 39. Tested
  - 40. Vistas
  - 44. Take care of
  - 45. Traditonal rhythmic pattern
  - 46. S. African political party
  - 47. Cologne
  - 48. Men
  - 49. The Science Guy
  - 50. Gospel author (abbr.)
  - 51. Act of signing up
  - 55. Human feet
  - 57. A very short time
  - 58. Streetcars
  - 59. Cuplike cavities
- 3. Seasoned
  - 4. A pair
  - 5. Young male
  - 6. Make a mistake
  - 7. Experienced
  - 8. It often accompanies injury
  - 9. Old world, new
  - 10. Commercial
  - 11. Course of lectures
  - 12. Promote
  - 16. Female horses
  - 17. Greek mythological figure
  - 18. Small amount
  - 22. Orthodox church altar
  - 25. Actress Tomei
  - 27. Excited
  - 28. Looked directly at
  - 29. Popular cold desserts
  - 30. More reasonable
  - 32. Disk above the head of a saint
  - 34. Devoted to the extreme
  - 35. Make an effort
  - 36. It’s in the surf
  - 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
  - 38. Discounts
  - 40. Cliff in Hawaii
  - 41. Extremely wild person
  - 42. All persons
  - 43. Aromas
  - 45. Popular kids’ game
  - 48. A difficult situation
  - 51. Popular Georgia rockers
  - 52. It’s in all living cells
  - 53. Unspoken language
  - 54. “Talk to you” abbreviation
  - 56. Influential lawyer

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. A type of pool
  - 2. Malaise

Answers on page 13



Monarch butterfly feeding on nectar from a Woodland Sunflower along the Minden Riverwalk. /Photos by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners

# Step Into Nature with the Master Gardeners

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners invite you to step into nature at the Minden Riverwalk, the popular walking path in the heart of downtown Minden. By May 26 you will see over 20 orange and green signs along both sides of this section of the Gull River.

According to Master Gardener member Shelley Fellows, this free, self-guided walking tour of the Minden Riverwalk documents the flora and fauna on both sides of this section of the Gull River. Called “Stepping into Nature”, this multi-media walking tour includes photos, detailed descriptions of plants, insect information and gardening tips, along with audio stories. Everything is accessible via a smartphone app called PocketSights.

In 2009, the shoreline was restored, and a pathway and pedestrian bridge were installed. Fourteen years on this place looks very different, says Master Gardener Carolyn Langdon. “Erosion has been stopped, native plants have matured, and the animal, bird and insect species have returned to nest, to feed and to pollinate the trees and flowers. The tour documents this story of biological restoration, and we hope that it will inspire people to take steps to renaturalize their own property.”

The public is invited to join the opening of “Stepping into Nature” with a community launch event on Friday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. on the Minden Riverwalk trail at the corner of Invergordon Street and Bobcaygeon Road. The formal program with a unique “ribbon cutting” will be addressed by Mayor Carter, County



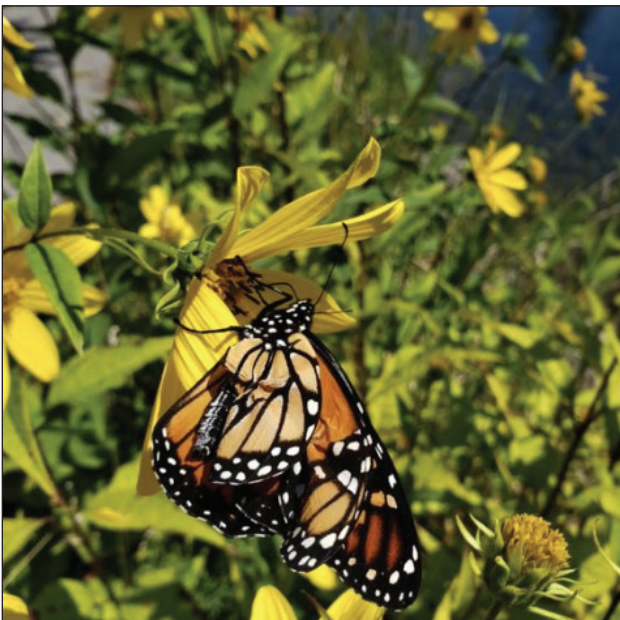
Joe Pye Weed with Eastern Viceroy butterfly along the Minden Riverwalk. /Photo by Haliburton County Master Gardeners

Warden Danielson, U-links E.D. Andrew Gordon, and HCDC Program & Operations Coordinator Heather Reid. Each

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# Join the HCMGs on the Minden Riverwalk



Monarch butterfly feeding on nectar from a Woodland Sunflower along the Minden Riverwalk. /Photo by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners

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attendee will receive a free native plant and Master Gardeners will lead free tours of the Riverwalk. The Stepping into Nature walking tour was supported by a Local Initiatives Program grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Community based research group U-links brokered a partnership between HCMG and entomologists from Trent University who conducted insect research along the Riverwalk. The project was also supported by the Township of Minden Hills and

local businesses including North Steel, Dentistry in the Highlands, Minden Canadian Tire, Molly's Bistro, Rising Thymes and Highlands Accounting.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a community service organization. Members are certified Master Gardeners, with expertise in horticulture, botany and gardening in harmony with nature. They are celebrating 21 years in the Haliburton Highlands.

*Submitted by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners*

## It's time for some good news

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Terri Mathews-Carl, the owner of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon, is ready to celebrate the kindness in our community. "I'm looking for good stories," she said, when she sat down with the *Echo*, "and I was looking for a way to showcase people doing good things."

Mathews-Carl expressed that she was feeling overwhelmed with all the "bad news" circulating around these days; particularly on social media sites. "It's not good for our nervous system to be constantly seeing bad news," she said.

She noted that the inclination to "doom scroll" had spiked since the COVID-19 pandemic, and she feels it's easier for folks to get sucked into the bad news cycles.

So, she wanted a change. On May 8, Mathews-Carl launched the new campaign, "Good people, doing good".

"We all need some good news these days," she shared in the social media post, "Tell us about a good

deed that someone you know has done, and for no reward. A great neighbour, teacher, friend, or stranger who helped you out when you needed it most."

Once a month, Mathews-Carl will select one of these stories, and the person who was nominated will receive \$100 towards Rhubarb Restaurant to use at any time.

"We started four days ago, and we've already had over 30 entries," she said, "and the best part is that I get to read all these great stories of great people, doing great things."

While the campaign was launched through her business, Mathews-Carl clarified that this is not a business-driven initiative. "I have no ulterior motive," she said. "It's just so nice to know that there are still lovely people out there, and I can reward that."

The contest will run indefinitely, with one winner being selected once a month. Mathews-Carl will be sharing those submissions with the Minden Times, to ensure good news gets out into our little community for all readers to enjoy.

For more information on the campaign, visit the Rhubarb on their social media sites, or call 705-489-4449.

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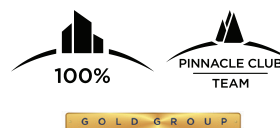
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# Caboose rises from fire's ashes

MATT JAMES  
Staff Reporter

In the aftermath of the fire that gutted Haliburton's historic caboose comes a strange turn of events that may restore the railway relic.

On May 29, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey met with Greg Sheppard, branch manager of SCM Adjusters Canada Ltd., to inspect the damage to the caboose. Two days earlier, it had been set alight in what police believe was an act of arson.

The caboose was insured and Sheppard told Fearrey that unless there was something unexpected in the insurance policy, work to restore the caboose could begin the next day.

Sheppard estimated the damage to be worth \$80,000 and gave council permission to start on the project.

"It's sad that [the fire] happened and this doesn't mean it's how you get things," said Fearrey. "I guess the fortunate part is that we had insurance, but we still need to decide what we're going to do with it and where we're going to put it."

His sentiment matches that of George Kadoke, who's been leading the charge to restore the old caboose.

See **Insurance** page 9



GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

## Leapin' wizards!

There wasn't an empty seat in the house this past weekend when students of Haliburton Dance Arts presented three shows of their annual dance recital at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Above, Kayla Gardiner takes the lead and leaps into the air during the group ballet number "Pinball Wizard." For more photos from the recital see page 16.

# NHL puts Cody Hodgson through his paces

MATT JAMES  
Staff Reporter

Haliburton-born Cody Hodgson made it through the 2008 NHL Entry Draft Combine, one of the last tests before the 18-year-old heads to Ottawa on June 20 in hopes of being drafted into the NHL.

Organized by NHL Central Scouting, the combine invites the top 107 prospects from North America and Europe for 13 tests of strengths and fitness. It is a chance for players to show how hard they can push themselves

and for NHL scouts and general managers to confirm their impressions of the top draft picks.

Nothing but the real thing could prepare Hodgson for the real thing.

"Until you're actually in that room doing the exercises you don't really get a grasp of it," Hodgson told the *Echo* in a telephone interview on Sunday.

Before going through the combine's paces, Hodgson sought advice from others who'd been in his shoes. He picked the brains of many but spoke mostly with fellow Brampton Battalion team-



The Toronto Maple Leafs have their eye on Haliburton Lake cottager Cody Hodgson.

mate Bobby Sanguinetti about specifics on each exercise.

Hodgson, who is the son of former riding MPP Chris Hodgson and his wife Marie, who owns WeeCare in Haliburton, began his testing on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and finished at 6:30 p.m. He did strength tests, push-ups, sit ups, bench presses, and standing long jumps.

Other tests included throwing a medicine ball as far as he could while sitting, back against a wall; two sets of vertical jumps

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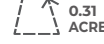
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2919 SQ.FT



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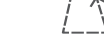


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2352.34 SQ.FT



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